



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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ITOH et al.

Group Art Unit: 2819

Application No.: 09/735,555

Examiner: D. Chang

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For: OUTPUT BUFFER CIRCUIT AND CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 16, 2003

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2003, the time period for response having been extended from July 16, 2003 until September 16, 2003 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time. In the prosecution of the application identified above, please consider the following amendments.

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